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For : MAGNETIC DISK AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir :

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on July 25, 2005, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three (3) months and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with all requisite fees therefor. However, if the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file and/or if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following Amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.